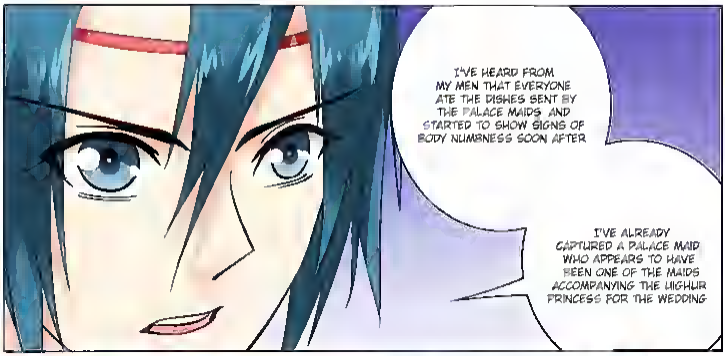
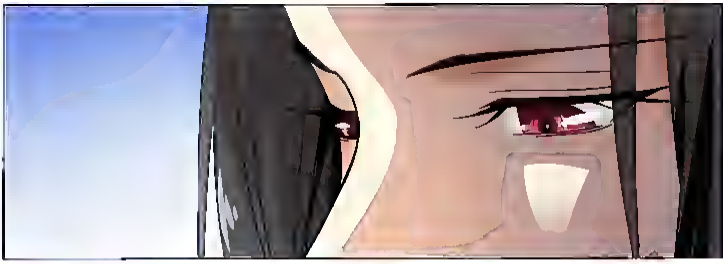
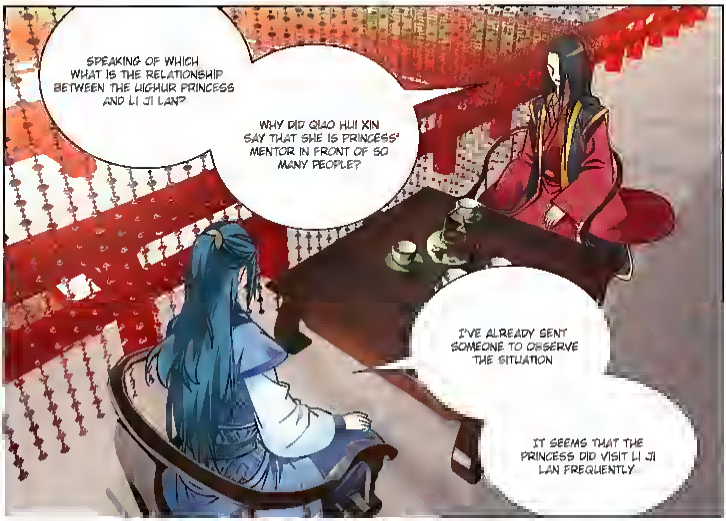
WHY ARE MATTERS SO BORING THESE DAYS?! HAAA...

THE ASSASSIN THAT WE SPENT SO MUCH EFFORT TO CATCH IS NOW DEAD
THE REAL ASSASSIN MAY STILL BE ALIVE. AS THE BODY THAT I CHECKED DIDN'T HAVE ANY CALLUSES ON HIS FINGERS LIKE A WELL-TRAINED ARCHER WOULD
PRINCE KUN'S PERSONAL DOCTOR ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE DEAD ASSASSIN SHOWED SIGNS OF EYE DISEASE WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE. SO I DEDUCE THAT THIS DEAD ASSASSIN WE FOUND WAS JUST A SCAPEGOAT
THE SKILLED ARCHER IS STILL HIDING SOMEWHERE
YOU SAID THAT THE PEOPLE YOU SELECTED WERE ALL DOPED
ANY LEADS ON THIS MATTER?


I'VE HEARD FROM MY MEN THAT EVERYONE ATE THE DISHES SENT BY THE PALACE MAIDS AND STARTED TO SHOW SIGNS OF BODY NUMBNESS SOON AFTER
I'VE ALREADY CAPTURED A PALACE MAID WHO APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MAIDS ACCOMPANYING THE HIGHUR PRINCESS FOR THE WEDDING




SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HIGHUR PRINCESS AND LI JI LAN?
WHY DID QIAO HUI XIN SAY THAT SHE IS PRINCESS' MENTOR IN FRONT OF SO MANY PEOPLE?
I'VE ALREADY SENT SOMEONE TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION
IT SEEMS THAT THE PRINCESS DID VISIT LI JI LAN FREQUENTLY

HAAAA... THIS PRINCESS IS SUCH A PROBLEM. WHY DID SHE HAVE TO GET INVOLVED WITH SUCH A TROUBLESOME CHARACTER?
IT SEEMS LIKE BESIDES JIAN KANG, THIS IGNORANT PRINCESS IS THE ONLY PERSON THAT DARES TO VISIT LI JI LAN.
HAAA... THINKING ABOUT IT, SOME PEOPLE REALLY ARE BORN IN THE WRONG AGE...
LI JI LAN, A TALENTED AND VIRTUOUS LADY. ZHU FANG, A WELL-VERSED GENTLEMAN...
IF IT WEREN'T BECAUSE OF TURBULENT TIMES, ZHU FANG WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO KILL SO MANY PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE ONE HE LOVED AND BECOME A TRAITOR TO THE COURT.
...IN THE END, ONE IS LIVING AND ONE IS DEAD...
WHAT A PITY— IT'S LIKE A BLOOMING PEAR BLOSSOM IN AUTUMN.
NO MATTER HOW WELL IT BLOOMS, IT'S DESTINED NEVER TO BEAR FRUITS.

I REALLY DON'T WISH FOR ANYONE TO SUFFER SUCH FATE AGAIN...
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

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SFX: CREAKS

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES FOR POISONING THE IMPERIAL GUARDS ARE?
MY LORD, PLEASE SPARE MY LIFE! I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW ALL THIS HAPPENED!
I RECEIVED A SECRET LETTER FROM THE PRINCESS WHO MENTIONED THAT SHE WANTED TO REWARD THE GUARDS THAT WERE ON DUTY DURING THE WEDDING
SO, SHE LEFT THE DISHES IN THE KITCHEN AND ASKED ME TO SEND IT OVER TO THE GUARDS
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THE DISHES
LORD I'VE BEEN FRAMED!

WHERE IS THE LETTER NOW?
THE INSTRUCTIONS SAID TO BURN THE LETTER AFTER READING IT. SO I THREW IT INTO THE FIRE STOVE
I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE DISHES! PLEASE SPARE MY LIFE, MY LORD!
DIDN'T I SAY NOT TO TORTURE THE PRISONER WHILE WE WERE STILL INVESTIGATING THE CASE?
WHAT IF THEY DIED FROM THE TORTURE?!

DON'T WORRY, MY LORD.
WE ONLY CLAMPED HER FINGERS.
SO IT WON'T KILL HER.
SHE KEPT SCREAMING ABOUT HER INNOCENCE. SO WE CLAMPED HER FINGERS TO GET HER TO SHUT UP.
WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY CHOICE IN THIS...

YOU...

FORGET IT. I'M DONE WITH THE QUESTIONING.
RELEASE HER AND GET A DOCTOR TO LOOK AT IT.
DO NOT BLOW UP THIS MATTER.

Mystic Crescent Scars
PRINCE, DON'T DO THIS!
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